

Embodiment 3: hole of the heel is a blind hole having an opening in a rear side.

GROUP II

Embodiment 1: hosel includes at least one protrusion on the outer periphery; and

Embodiment 2: hosel includes at least one recessed portion on the outer periphery.

In response to this Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Embodiment 1. Claims 1, 2, 5-15 and 18-21 read on this elected species. Applicant also elects Group II, Embodiment 1. Claims 1-16 and 18-21 should read on this elected species. These elections are with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Moreover, because at least generic claims 1, 5-15 and 18-21 should be in condition for allowance, this Election of Species Requirement should also be overcome and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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